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Title: Method Of Using Fracture Fixation Plate For Performing Osteotomy (as amended)

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

ELECTION, AMENDMENT & REMARKS

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated October 5, 2006. Eighteen (18) claims, including three (3) independent claims, have been canceled, and eight (8) dependent claims have been added. As no claim fee or extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

ELECTION

The Examiner has required election between claims 1-18 (Group I) and claims 19-23 (Group II). Applicant hereby elects to prosecute, without traverse, the invention claimed in claims 19-23 (Group II). New claims 24-31 have been added which read on the elected invention.